

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-29, and 32-33 were presented for examination in the present application and remain pending upon entry of the instant response. Claim 1 is independent.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The Office Action required restriction under PCT Rule 13.1 among the method of Group I (claims 1-10, 12-29, and 32-33), the apparatus of Group II (claims 34-38), and the glass product of Group III (claims 47-49).

Applicants previously elected the invention of Group I, which includes claims 1-10, 12-29, and 32-33.

In addition, the Office Action required restriction among Species A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, C1, and C2.

Claim 1 was indicated as being generic. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-18, 25, and 28-29 are also generic. Accordingly, acknowledgement of the generic nature of claims 2-18, 25, and 28-29 with the next communication are respectfully requested.

Applicants elect Species A1, B1, and C1, which read on claims 1-19, 21, 25-26, 28-29, and 32.

Claims 20, 22-24, 27, and 33 have been withdrawn, but remain pending for rejoinder upon allowance of a generic claim.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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